Two More Stone Tablets

4 So, Moses carved out two stone plaques like the first ones. He got up early in the morning and climbed Mount Sinai, as Yahweh had told him to do. Moses took along the two new, blank, stone plaques in his hand.

5 The Always-Present One came down in the cloud and stood there with Moses. God proclaimed His Name — “Yahweh!” 6 Then Yahweh passed by in front of Moses and proclaimed: “Yahweh! Yahweh! I am a merciful, loving God who does not get angry easily. I abound in love and truth. 7 I am loyal to thousands of generations. Although I will forgive evil, rebellion, and sin, I will certainly not let the guilty ones go unpunished. I will cause the children and grandchildren to suffer for the sins of their ancestors to the third and fourth generation.”

8 Moses hurried to bow his head toward the ground. He worshiped God. 9 Then Moses said, “If I am pleasing to You, O Lord, I beg You, even though we are a stubborn people, come in among us. Forgive our wrongs and our sins, and take us as Your own possession!”

10 Then God said, “Listen, I am going to make a covenant with you. I will be doing miracles in full view of all your people. Such wonders have never been done anywhere on earth or among any of the nations! All the people among whom you live will see My actions, because what I will be doing with you will be an awesome thing!”